

Israel Hints at Legal Measures Against Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) Movement

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Israeli Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked said that she had issued directives to the international department in the ministry to prepare judicial measures against BDS, Pls48.net reported yesterday.

The move comes in the wake of boycott measures taken by numerous academic, cultural, economic and educational institutions all over the world.

These institutions, which came together under the <u>Boycott</u>, <u>Divest and Sanctions (BDS)</u> <u>Movement</u>, are involved in boycotting Israel because of its violations against Palestinians.

Israeli radio reported Shaked saying: "There should be countermeasures to stop this movement [BDS] and not to leave liars and inciters go free. This needs strict and united moves."

BDS started in 2005 in the wake of a stalemate in the peace process and the continuous Israeli aggression against Palestinians, mainly in the occupied territories, including the expansion of illegal settlements and exploitation of Palestinian natural resources for Israel's benefit.

In 2014, the EU started boycotting Israeli settlements in the fields of commerce, academia and development.

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